

Mr. Speaker, adversity cultivates strength in leadership—as exemplified by Deputy Goss. I thank him for his service to our friends and neighbors back home, and applaud him for his new title and the continued impact that he will make on northeast Georgia.

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CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARTE AMÉRICAS

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**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Arte Américas on the occasion of their 30th anniversary. Arte Américas is the largest Latino Cultural Arts Center in the San

Joaquin Valley, located in the heart of my district in downtown Fresno, California. Since its creation 30 years ago, Arte Américas has made a significant impact on the Valley by making the arts accessible to the local community.

Beginning in rented space in downtown Fresno in 1987, Arte Américas has developed into a significant center on Van Ness Avenue, housing the Valley's Latino arts culture. Arte Américas serves the important role of both preserving Latino culture and introducing it to the Valley. The museum not only showcases Arts in Mexico, Latin America, the Southwest, and California, but an array of cultures from throughout the Central Valley. Arte Américas has become a hub of activity for the Latino and arts communities, frequently hosting receptions, meetings and special presentations.

They frequently collaborate with local groups furthering their mission “To make Central California a flourishing place for Latino arts.”

Over the years Arte Américas has been fortunate to have the support of a truly dedicated and vibrant staff, board members, and devoted volunteers. Their hard work has been the key to their years of successful events, installations and exhibits. Over the years poets, musicians, playwrights, novelists, sculptors, writers, dancers, and painters both local and from across the world have been featured at Arte Américas.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating Arte Américas' 30th anniversary. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to work together to further the arts in the Central Valley. Once again, congratulations on this special milestone.